

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3173

To improve the implementation of the environmental streamlining provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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## A BILL

To improve the implementation of the environmental streamlining provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Environmental  
5 Streamlining Improvement Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. RULEMAKING.**

7 (a) PUBLICATION OF REVISED NOTICES OF PRO-  
8 POSED RULEMAKING.—Taking into consideration the  
9 comments submitted concerning the proposed rulemaking

1 entitled “Statewide Transportation Planning; Metropoli-  
 2 tan Transportation Planning”, and the proposed rule-  
 3 making entitled “NEPA and Related Procedures for  
 4 Transportation Decisionmaking, Protection of Public  
 5 Parks, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historic  
 6 Sites”, notice of which was published on May 25, 2000  
 7 (65 Fed. Reg. 33922, 33960), the Secretary of Transpor-  
 8 tation shall publish in the Federal Register for a period  
 9 of public comment of not less than 120 days revised no-  
 10 tices of proposed rulemaking—

11           (1) to implement the planning and environ-  
 12           mental streamlining provisions of sections 1203 and  
 13           1204 (and the amendments made by those sections)  
 14           and 1308 and 1309 of the Transportation Equity  
 15           Act for the 21st Century (112 Stat. 170, 231); and  
 16           (2) to address the other matters covered by the  
 17           notices of proposed rulemaking published on May  
 18           25, 2000.

19           (b) PROMULGATION OF FINAL RULES.—The Sec-  
 20           retary of Transportation shall not promulgate final rules  
 21           (including interim final rules) to implement the planning  
 22           and environmental streamlining provisions and address  
 23           the other matters described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
 24           subsection (a) until on or after May 1, 2001.

1       (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than the date  
2 on which the revised notices of proposed rulemaking under  
3 subsection (a) are published in the Federal Register, the  
4 Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Com-  
5 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate  
6 and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
7 of the House of Representatives—

8           (1) a summary of each revised proposed rule-  
9 making; and

10          (2) a detailed description of the differences be-  
11 tween the revised notices of proposed rulemaking  
12 and the notices of proposed rulemaking published on  
13 May 25, 2000.

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